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## WELCOME

### Hi - it's nice to meet you!

*Well, hello!*

My name is Mike Harrison and I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new editor of your local newspaper. First, I want to say how happy I am to be here. Making a new home in such a historic, picturesque, and friendly region of Massachusetts with the love of my life and her two teenage boys would have been fine enough. To also land a position with Turley Publications, which is unyieldingly committed to community journalism, was the icing on the cake.



Michael Harrison

Allow me, please, to tell you a little about my background and what I'm about.

I'm a native New Yorker, Brooklyn-born and Long Island raised. I became acquainted with New England at an early age. My family often made ferry trips across the Long Island Sound to Connecticut and that became our gateway to greater New England. One of my fondest memories of those days was a day trip to visit the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield. That day came streaming back to me in vivid colors after I arrived just before July 4 in Holland, and learned that Springfield wasn't terribly far from my new home.

Just after my freshman year in high school, we re-located to the Columbus, Ohio, area. After that, I spent nearly four years in the Western Pennsylvania town where I lived full-time while attending a small liberal arts school called Thiel College. In early 1985 I moved back to Long Island.

In 1987 I made my first return visit in years to Massachusetts, where I saw my first Grateful Dead show in Foxboro. That was during a summer vacation that included a back-packing tour of New England, staying in youth hostels, and basking in the serene nature of the Berkshires and White Mountains, just to name a couple of the many wonderful places I was fortunate enough to experience that summer.

Fast forward to the early 2000s and I found myself in South Carolina, just over the border from Charlotte, N.C., where I lived until settling in Holland. Yes, I'm going to admit right now that despite my Northeast roots and the nearly eight years in the Snowbelt, I sort of

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## Fall fun and sweet times at Westview Farms



An array of pumpkins and gourds of all sizes are available for picking at Westview Farms Creamery.



A tyke shows off his strength as he places a pumpkin he picked into his family's wagon.

MONSON — Westview Farms Creamery on 109 East Hill Road is hosting the public for an array of fun family activities to celebrate fall. There's pumpkin picking, a corn maze, wagon rides, goats you can feed, live music, and a wide variety of the best homemade ice cream including (of course) pumpkin and pumpkin varieties, as well as hot food and beer and wine. Here are some scenes from the farm last Sunday. Check their Facebook page for dates and times or call 413-267-5355.



Part of the fun at Westview Farms Creamery this fall is a chance to feed the goats featured at the farm's fall celebration.



You can pick pumpkins from the patch, or select any of the pre-picked pumpkins available.

## INVESTIGATION

### Body exhumed in connection to Holly Piiranien case

Family is "cautiously optimistic" about news on 27-year-old cold case

By Melina Bourdeau  
Staff writer

Last week investigators in the case of Holly Piiranien, a 10-year-old Grafton resident, exhumed the body of a 22-year-old man from a Hampden County cemetery. She was abducted and killed in 1993.



File photos

There has been movement in the abduction and murder case of Holly Piiranien, who was 10 in 1993. Although no one has been arrested in the 27-year-old case, the body of a man was exhumed from a Hampden County cemetery last week.

Carla Jackman, Piiranien's aunt, said the family is "doing OK," after hearing of the news on Thursday, Oct. 1.

"We're cautiously optimistic," Jackman said. "It's been a roller coaster, we're tough skinned and try not to get too excited."

She said the family has open communication with law enforcement and investigators in the case.

"We do want everyone to know we appreciate the support we have received," said the Piiranien family in a press release. "We also are extremely grateful to the hardworking law enforcement for continuing to work so diligently on Holly's case. The fact they are still very actively following leads after 27 years is encouraging for our family. We have a good relationship with the investigators and keep the hope that justice may be served one day."

Jackman added the family has an annual meeting with law en-

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## COMMUNITY

# Infrastructure, schools top Palmer master plan poll

By Jonah Snowden  
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PALMER — Public facilities and services and cultural/historical resources were the focus of the recent Palmer Rail Steering Committee's third annual Comprehensive Master Plan meeting.

During the Sept. 24 meeting, attendees were given the chance to participate in a virtual poll to help provide the steering committee with feedback. Consultant Donny Goris-Kolb defined the terms "public facilities" and what constitutes cultural/historical resources, including art displays, murals, oral histories and artifact and document collections.

Also, Dave Golden, chairman of the steering committee, earlier in the meeting, said that it's appreciated when online posts, focusing on the master plan, on the towns Facebook page, is shared and liked.

"That's one of our only ways that we get the word out, without having the ability to be at some events in town, since there aren't any," Golden said.

For the first question, members of the public were asked to share what they believe to be the most important public facility and service needs. The poll broke down this way:

- 23% voted to repair/maintain the town's transportation infrastructure.
- 20% voted to improve schools.
- 16% voted to provide more human services and explore the consolidation of the village fire and water dis-

Palmer Public Library, located on 1455 N Main St., Palmer, is under the category of Historic and Cultural Entities.

tricts.

When asked what they think are the biggest challenges to preserving Palmer's heritage, this is how attendees responded:

- 28% voters said deterioration by neglect.
- 20% believe it's absentee landlords and renters with little connection to the community.
- 17% said they think lack of knowledge on Palmer historic, arts and cultural activities and resources is the biggest issue.



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## Tantasqua gets first coronavirus case, but no students exposed

By Michael Harrison  
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FIKSDALE — A non-instructional staff member at Tantasqua High School has tested positive for novel coronavirus, leading the district to notify staff and students' families on Oct. 1 about the diagnosis.

No students were in danger of exposure, district officials stressed.

"Communication went out [last Thursday] afternoon to the high school staff and families that a non-instructional staff member has tested positive," Deborah Boyd, associate superintendent of business and finance for the district, said.

"It has been determined that there was no contact with students or teaching staff. Since our cleaning protocols include daily and nightly sanitizing, including electrostatic foggers, there will be no disruption to our operations or school schedule," Boyd said.

District officials learned about the positive test results sometime after 12 p.m. last Thursday and "sent communication out to staff and families shortly after the school day ended," Boyd said.

The effects of coronavirus, which can lead to the disease named COVID-19, vary widely from individual to individual. Some infected people show no symptoms, while others experience illnesses ranging from what feels like allergies or a minor cold to severe respiratory distress and more. Not all infected people can infect others. More than 200,000 people in the U.S. have died from COVID-related illnesses and millions have been diagnosed with coronavirus.

There were no known cases at Tan-

tasqua schools from the time the pandemic began earlier this year through last week.

Students in Tantasqua schools went to remote learning last spring for the remainder of the prior school year. When classes resumed this fall, the district followed a plan that has students alternating between remote learning and in-person attendance from week to week. Parents also have the option to keep their students in remote learning for the year.

Boyd said despite the challenges, things are going well through the first month of classes.

"I don't think anyone can really say they knew what to expect, but we are so proud of all our hard-working staff," she said. "All the work put in over the summer and for the first 10 professional development days have really paid off."

Besides the obvious health and safety concerns, Boyd said district staff had to work through some logistical glitches before schools could open for the current session.

"The fact that we were actually able to bring students in by September 16th was an enormous accomplishment," she said.

"There have been a few technology hurdles to get over and some anxiety caused by delivery delays of items such as computers, PPE, and HVAC filters, but we got there! The feedback has been fantastic from parents and students. They are so thankful to be back in and we have had many reach out to share how well it's going. The staff certainly carry a constant weight of concern, but they are true professionals and never let it show to the students. The students are so resilient — they are just taking it all in stride."

## No need to dial 911 to meet Monson firefighters Saturday

By Jonah Snowden  
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MONSON — This weekend, the Monson Fire Department plans to connect with their community and offer them helpful safety tips, through their first drive-by open house.

Monson Fire Department Lt. and paramedic Lisa Hamill said typically, they invite the public to the fire station and check out the firetrucks, gear and more.

"Because of COVID, this will be our first year that we've done a drive-by event where they're going to swing through the parking lot and grab some information and be on their way," said Hamill.

Like previous open houses, Hamill said informational packets will be available for all guests to receive and help increase their knowledge on fire prevention. During Fire Prevention Week, which is Oct. 4-10, the National Fire Protection Association chose a topic to focus on," said Hamill.

"This year, the focus is on kitchen safety and cooking safety. A lot of the information in the kid's packets is going to be geared towards kitchen safety, things that are not and not hot enough in their houses."

She also said the packets will have little activities that the kids can use to go around their house and identify which objects are hot and not hot.

"Something like a curling iron is not hot when it's not plugged in, but can get hot, so we still need to not be handling those things as little kids," said Hamill. "It's also going to focus on keeping a three-foot kids-free zone around the stove. That reduces skull burns. Cooking injuries are the No. 1 home fire injury in the United States and skull burns account for about half of those cooking injuries."

For the adults who attend, Hamill said they will be "giving them some tips on how they can make their kitchen safer for their



Turley Publications staff photo by Jonah Snowden  
**The Monson Fire Department, located at 200 Main Street, is hosting an open house Oct. 10 for Fire Prevention Week. Everyone is invited to stop in, meet their local firefighters and get a close-up local at hoe first-responders operate.**

kids and also keeping that focus on, going into the winter months."

This includes having working smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.

"We hammer that point home all year, because it's something that even though we talk about at every level from kindergartners to adults, it's something that we still see in people's home," Hamill said.

"They don't have batteries or they're not working or they're not in the right places, so we really just keep on that topic the whole year through."

Regarding the importance of an open house, Hamill said "Typically, we only interact with the community in an emergency setting," said Hamill. "It gives us a chance to get to know the community, because we do a lot in the school, but we don't have as much outreach for the adults."

The open house for the Monson Fire Department, located on 200 Main St., is scheduled rom 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, oct. 10. For more information, email Hamill at lhamill@monson-ma.gov.

## Grants available for Monson groups

The Monson Cultural Council is seeking grant proposals from organizations, schools, and individuals for community-orientated projects in the arts, humanities, and interpretive sciences. These grants can support a variety of projects including lectures, workshops, performances in schools, exhibits, and

festivals and must take place between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2021.

Monson priorities can be found online at [mass-culture.org/Monson](http://mass-culture.org/Monson) along with the link to the online application. The deadline for applications is Nov. 16, 2020.

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## Polling place change for Nov. 3

The voting location in Monson has changed for the Nov. 3 General Election only: Voting will take place at Quarry Hill School-43. Use the Margaret St. Pool entrance. Early voting will take place Oct. 17-30 in the Selectmen's Conference Room at the Town Office Building at 110 Main Street during the following times: 8 a.m.-noon Saturdays and Sundays October 17, 18, 24 and 25 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Oct. 19 and 26 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays. Questions? Contact the Monson Town Clerk's office at 413-267-4115 or townclerk@monson-ma.gov.

## Wales Cultural Council seeks funding proposals

Proposals for Wales community-oriented arts, humanities, and science programs are welcome and grant applications open now and are due by Nov. 16 at 11:59 p.m. The Wales Cultural Council invites organizations, schools, and individuals to apply for grants that support cultural activities in the community.

According to Wales Cultural Council chair Susan Gregory, these grants can support a variety of artist projects and activities in Wales. To apply visit [mass-culturalcouncil.org](http://mass-culturalcouncil.org).

# Excitement and hula hoops: Monson schools phasing in students

By Jonah Snowden  
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MONSON – Monday marked the return to school for some Monson Public Schools students.

It's Phase I of the district's strategy for gradually allowing in-person learning during the COVID-19 pandemic. The first group of students allowed back in the classroom are those in pre-K and students with significant high needs.

Principal and Director of Pupil Services Suzanne Morneau said the day was "fabulous." The return of students to the classroom and the resumption of sports was sparking broad enthusiasm in the community.

"I know the parents have been so excited to hear that the school committee has agreed to let our preschool and students with significant needs return sooner," Morneau said.

"For preschool, it's a struggle to teach remotely, but the parents have been extremely cooperative, and they are very excited. When I greeted them yesterday, the students were excited."

Regarding safety, although preschool students are not required to wear face masks, Morneau said she strongly encourages them to. She also said despite it not being required, the students have largely been cooperative.

"The parents have done an amazing job preparing their children for their return to school and also our students in our specialized programs," Morneau said. "If they're unable to wear a mask, we call a meeting and together as a team we talk about what are some of the alternatives to make sure that we keep the

child and staff safe."

She also said the students have been socially distancing and using hula-hoops to enforce safe distancing. Morneau also said the students have yoga mats, which they can use to help them stay at least six feet from other students.

"Even at arrival and dismissal, we have been utilizing them too," she said. "We've been using the hula-hoop and they think that's super fun to use a guide for them. It's still keeping everybody at a safe distance."

The district's re-entry plan was approved on Sept. 23 and is dependent on remaining in the "yellow" category of the Mass. Dept of Health's COVID-19 reporting map. The rest of the phase-in if all goes according to the plan looks like this:

- Monday, Oct. 19, Kindergarten students and students in Hybrid Cohort A (Monday/Tuesday)

- Wednesday, Oct. 21 Students in Hybrid Cohort B (Wednesday/Thursday).

Morneau thanked Superintendent Dr. Cheryl Clarke for her leadership during this pandemic.

"Every week we had meetings with Dr. Clarke, via Zoom, even during the summer" Morneau said. "It was preparing the teacher, so everybody knew the information we were receiving, what plans were for re-entry and sharing the re-entry plan. She did such an amazing job, so it's good to see that it's all going very smooth, but that communication was really essential."

For more information on what is taking place in the MPS District, visit [monsonschools.com](http://monsonschools.com).



Courtesy photo

After returning to school Monday, pre-K students, shown here with Mrs. Mangan and Ms. DiLuzio, received their very own hula hoop and a yoga mat, to help them social distance. It's the first phase of the Monson Public Schools in-person learning plan.

# Get set for Halloween with the Gravestone Girls

By Jonah Snowden  
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PALMER – Later this month, the Palmer Public Library is scheduled to host "Welcome to the Graveyard," a virtual tour, which will be presented by Brenda Sullivan, co-founder of the Gravestone Girls.

Adult Services Librarian Amy Golenski, who is also raising awareness for this upcoming event, is looking forward to it.

"I'm really excited that she's going to take that information from their time in Palmer and put it in this presentation," said Golenski. "I think that it's really exciting for the community to see Palmer included in what they found with their travels."

This upcoming 90-minute illustrated virtual tour will focus on colonial New England burial grounds of the 16 and 1700s, through the nationwide rural cemetery movement of the 19th century and 21st-century locations. Attendees will also learn how styles and art have evolved over the past 400 years.

"It's illustrated with photographs that were taken out in the field, including a

lot of bridge stones and cemeteries around town," said Sullivan. "There'll be a lot of content to share with everybody, so that they can see what the locals can see what's on their main streets and roads that they drive by all of the time."

Sullivan also said this program was done for the library previously and that the latest edition will show how things can subtly change.

"People think often think that they're gravestones, they're cemeteries, they don't change and the meaning, the way it looks, or how we perceive it doesn't change, but they certainly do," Sullivan said. "Those changes apply even though it seems to be a very short window from the first time we went to this."

Regarding why this event is important to host, Sullivan said there are people who are "interested in the cemetery for one reason or another."

"Currently, people want to know why it's there and how they can appreciate it and enjoy it," she said.

"Certainly, generating interest in these

spaces will tell us who we are as a community, who we've been as a culture over time and how we evolved. Getting good feet on the ground of these places is a way of acknowledging your history in the community, but also raising awareness about these spaces helps protect less bad things happen, if there are people from the community engaged."

She also said cemeteries in old graveyards that don't receive a lot of visitors or maintenance "end up falling into disrepair and are very susceptible to vandalism."

To sign up for this free upcoming virtual tour, which will take place 6:30-8 p.m. Oct. 27, visit [palmerlibrary.org/events](http://palmerlibrary.org/events).

Also, to learn about the Gravestone Girls, known for chronicling cemetery art history and symbolism, visit [gravestonegirls.com](http://gravestonegirls.com).

"We bring some levity to what people can often perceive as a rather heavy subject," Sullivan said.

"Welcome to the Graveyard," a virtual tour, will be hosted by the Palmer Public Library Oct. 27. Courtesy Photo:

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It's more important than ever to follow COVID-19 guidelines

If there's one thing we've learned this past week, it's that, sadly, the coronavirus pandemic isn't going away anytime soon. In fact, if recent trends are any indication, it could get worse before it gets better.

Nationally, a series of high-profile Americans became corona patients. The day after President Trump was admitted to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, it was announced that New England Patriots quarterback Cam Newton was diagnosed with COVID-19, the disease caused by the novel coronavirus.

Even closer to home, a non-instructional staff member at Tantasqua High School tested positive for the virus late last week. It was determined that the employee did not come into contact with any students and there was no disruption to the in-school class schedule. Last week, Springfield was added to the list of most "at-risk" communities for coronavirus.

Let us pause right here and offer our warmest wishes for a full, speedy recovery not only to those mentioned above, but also to all of our fellow American citizens, and especially those in our communities, infected with the often stealthy virus.

In Massachusetts, which has what is widely considered one of the most successful statewide responses to the pandemic in the U.S., once-promising statistics have taken a turn. According to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, a surge of more than 600 new COVID-19 cases over the weekend pushed the state total to nearly 132,000 with a daily positive test rate in the 4.34% range. That's higher than it's been in about four months and after the daily positive test rate was consistently around 1%.

To date, more than 9,000 people in Massachusetts have died of corona-related illness.

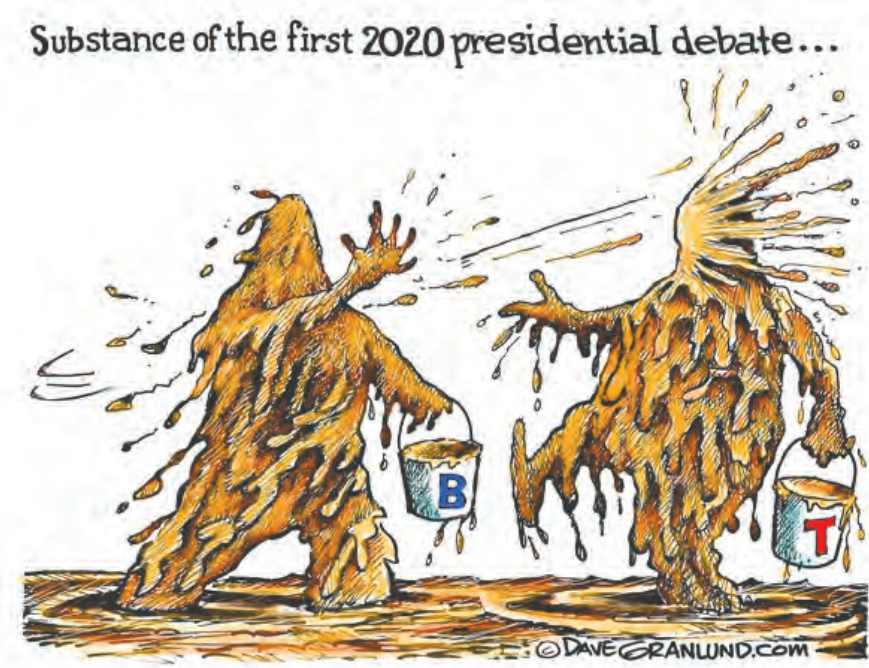
Why the sudden uptick in cases after a summer of successfully containing outbreaks in our state? Health experts had been warning us for months that the change in seasons could trigger more cases. The virus likes cooler weather, they say, and lower temperatures make us more susceptible to infection. It was predicted that cases would rise as we spend more time indoors.

Another important factor – one that we can control – could be complacency. Perhaps our state's success in keeping the virus from spreading here has given us a false sense of security. And like our fellow citizens across the nation, many of us are just weary from months of restrictions, social distancing and periods of seclusion.

A return to life without COVID-19 may still be a ways off, but locally, there are reasons to feel optimistic. The Tantasqua case appears isolated to the one person and not a threat to the wider school community. In Ludlow, school officials, parents and students are celebrating the first phase of resuming in-school classes and sports.

Nonetheless, it's as important now as it ever was to follow health officials' guidelines. That includes proper hand-washing, social distancing and wearing a mask in public. For complete guidelines and more information, visit [mass.gov](https://mass.gov) or call (617) 624-6000.

How long it takes to turn the page on this most wrenching chapter in our history depends on you. We all have to do our part and to make it easier, just think of your friends, neighbors, and co-workers. If we do this for each other, the faster we can put the "new normal" behind us and get back to the normal way of life we all long for.



Unique trees for seasonal color

We stayed home most of last weekend. By the time we got back into the car to head off to school, the hills were no longer shade of green, they were ablaze in all the familiar yellows, oranges, and reds produced by our cherished maple trees.

Some say the color is dull this year. I say I'll take what I can get. When everything else seems messed-up, at least we can count on the change of seasons. If you would like to add some unique color to your home landscape, consider planting one or more of the following lesser-known trees in your yard.

First of all, what causes leaves to change color? If you guessed that it has something to do with cooler weather and less hours of daylight you are correct. These cues cause trees to enter their dormant period. During dormancy the production of chlorophyll ceases (it is chlorophyll that gives vegetation its green color), allowing other color pigments in the leaf to become more prominent. Carotenoids are yellow and orange pigments, while anthocyanins are red and purplish. Brilliancy varies from season to season thanks to the weather, but as a general rule bright sunny days and cool nights make for great leaf peeping.

The first and most intriguing tree I'll mention is the ginkgo (Ginkgo biloba). This tree is a living artifact; fossil records date it back 200 million years ago! Recently, extracts of ginkgo have been touted to boost memory. Besides being tolerant of salt and smog, the tree has a nice shape, pyramidal when young and becoming more open and spreading with age. Unique fan-shaped leaves turn brilliant yellow in fall, and then, seemingly overnight, will all drop to the ground. Imagine, raking only once! Plant only male cultivars, as fruit produced by females is messy and stinky. 'Magyar' and 'Autumn Gold' are two such cultivars that mature to about 60 feet.

An even more majestic tree with desirable fall foliage is the tulip poplar (Liriodendron tulipifera). It is one of our tallest eastern American deciduous trees, reaching 190 feet in rare cases. At home, expect vigorous growth from 70 to 90 feet in height, with a spread of roughly

half that. Give the tulip poplar lots of room and rich, moisture retentive soil. Mature trees flower in late spring; honey from cross-pollinating bees is reportedly superior in quality. Leaves turn a beautiful golden yellow in the fall. For a shorter version of this wonderful tree, plant the cultivar 'Fastigiatum'; it grows to around 50 feet and is more narrow in shape.

Another one of my favorite trees is the sourwood (Oxydendron arboreum). Supposedly, the sourwood gets its name from its acidic-tasting leaves that hunters would chew on to ward off thirst during long days spent in the woods. This eastern U.S. native is a tree for all seasons, but especially autumn.

Lily of the valley-like flowers (fragrant, too) cover rich green foliage in summer. Foliage changes to yellow, red and purple in fall. Seedpods dangle from the tree even after leaves have dropped. The sourwood matures to a delicate 25 feet. Plant close-by to fully appreciate. I'll always remember that this tree was a favorite of my close friend and horticultural legend, Paul Rogers.

An additional small tree worthy of mention is the apple serviceberry (Amelanchier x grandiflora). Like the sourwood, this selection has multi-season interest. White flowers appear in spring before leaves are present. Orange and red fall foliage is especially noteworthy in a cultivar by the name of 'Autumn Brilliance'. Edible fruit persists only as long as you or birds allow it to. This native is best utilized in a naturalistic planting near the edges of woodlands or along stream banks.

I hope that the beautiful rainbow of color outside of your door, be it muted or in bright hues, will be a promise of better days ahead.

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IN THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid  
Columnist

Letters to the Editor

Lions still roaring despite pandemic

It is with much regret that the Monson Lions Club had to cancel our plans for some of our Fall events. Last year we had so much fun at our QRMC Hill climb in September. Following that at Halloween, Melvin the Monson Lion lead the parade of costumed mini-Monsonites down Main St to the Fire Station for refreshments and costume judging. What a daunting task it was to judge those costumes. There could have been so many more winners. Unfortunately, this year the "Covid Monster" has stolen our Halloween festivities from us so we'll have to wait until next year to do that again.

We are still here for our communities though. We've begun to raise funds by having the Drive in Concert held on Oct 10 at the Brimfield Winery. Those funds will be utilized to assist local residents who have been financially impacted by Covid. Also, we will be sponsoring the TREE OF LIGHTS in the gazebo in Dave Grieve Park in the center of Monson again this year. Watch for your ornament renewal letter in the mail. If you have never done so and would like to memorialize a loved one with an ornament on our tree, email [monsonlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:monsonlionsclub@gmail.com) or call 413-668-6653 to make arrangements to do so before December 1st.

October 24, we have some fun in the fresh air and beauty of the area scheduled. We're coordinating with the Lions from Ware and Barre to sponsor a Poker Run from noon until 4pm. We'll be raising money for the Massachusetts Eye Research Fund. As you probably know the Lions Clubs are a non-profit organization and all the funds we raise go to our causes. Email [monsonlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:monsonlionsclub@gmail.com) or call 413-668-6653 for details about this fun event.

If you want to make new friends while having fun and serving your local community, check out your local Lions Club for their fundraising and service events. Our club members are all volunteers and our clubs are part of Lions Clubs International (LCIF) which is a non-profit organization. Every donation made to LCIF is applied toward our global programs and initiatives which are all aimed at increasing the ability of Lions to serve the world. For more information about Lions Club International visit [lionsclubs.org](https://lionsclubs.org).

Ann Marie Decoteau  
Secretary/Treasurer  
The Monson Lions Club

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Can I get Social Security with my municipal pension?

By Russell Gloor  
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I retired from a municipal Fire Department seven years ago at the age of 54. It is a private pension, and I was exempt from Social Security while I was working. I receive about \$50,000 per year in pension benefits. I recently got a letter from Social Security saying I needed eight more credits of work to qualify for Social Security benefits. I was wondering if I worked two more years, paying into Social Security, would I qualify for benefits, since I am on a municipal pension? Signed: Retired Fireman

Dear Retired Fireman: Although your municipal Fire Department pension would reduce your Social Security benefit, it will not eliminate it. So, if you work and earn those additional eight credits you will be entitled to a Social Security benefit.

Because of your non-covered municipal pension your Social Security benefit will be affected by the Windfall Elimination Provision, which affects anyone who has a pension from an employer which did not participate in Social Security where neither the employee nor the employer paid into Social Security. WEP uses a special benefit computation formula which will result in you getting a smaller benefit, but you will, nevertheless, get some benefit amount if you have accumulated at least 40 quarters of Social Security credit. Note that your Social Security benefit amount will be further reduced if you claim it at age 62, or any age prior to your full retirement age.

You earn Social Security credits by working in a job where you pay FICA payroll taxes on your earnings, and you can earn a maximum of four Social Security credits per year. For 2020, you'll earn one credit for each \$1,410 of earnings, up to a maximum of four credits for the year, but you don't need to work the entire year to get the credits. For example, if you work yet in 2020 and earn \$5,640, which is four times \$1,410, you'll earn the maximum four credits for this year.

You need a total of 40 quarter credits to become eligible for Social Security, and those credits never expire, so even old credits earned before your Fire Department career still count. And, even if small, this would be a benefit you have earned by contributing to Social Security, so there's little reason not to pursue it by gaining the needed additional credits.

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Election letters to the editor welcome

The Journal Register welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to The Journal Register, care of Turley Publications, 24 Water St., Palmer, MA 01069, faxed to 413-289-1977 or emailed to [dfarrmer@turley.com](mailto:dfarrmer@turley.com). Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representative sample. No endorsement letters will be printed in the last edition before the election.

For more information, call editor Mike Harrison at 413-283-8393.

Campaign news

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about contested races for Congress, state Senate, state House, district attorney and Governor's Council during the weeks leading up to the election, as well as a question-and-answer voters guide. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed, nor will reporters cover political rallies or fundraisers.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact advertising, 413-283-8393 about paid advertising in The Journal Register.

Letters to the editor policy

Letters to the editor should be 250 words or less in length, and guest columns between 500-800 words. No unsigned or anonymous opinions will be published. We require that the person submitting the opinion also include his or her town of residence and home telephone number. We must confirm authorship prior to publication. We reserve the right to edit or withhold any submissions deemed to be libelous, unsubstantiated allegations, personal attacks, or defamation of character.

Please send opinions to: The Journal Register Letter to the Editor 24 Water St., Palmer MA 01069, or by e-mail to: [mharrison@turley.com](mailto:mharrison@turley.com)

The submission deadline for consideration is Monday at noon.

Elections are fundamental

By Lee H. Hamilton  
Guest columnist

Elections are the hallmark of representative democracy. As a nation, we put a great deal of faith in elections, and the voting process. We abide by their results. Elections are fundamental to our system of government. We commit to a peaceful transfer of power to the election winners. Elections are the way we do business and make many key decisions. We have hundreds of elections to choose candidates for public office. They occur at all levels of government: municipal, county, district and state as well as national. We have primary elections within political parties and elections to choose leaders of corporations and nongovernmental organizations. Just as we cast ballots in elections, our core institutions rely on voting. The U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate enact legislation by voting. Supreme Court decisions are approved by voting among the justices. Your local city council or township board votes to approve budgets and tax rates.

Elections generally reflect the principle of majority rule, but not always. Sometimes a plurality of voters decides, as when an election includes multiple candidates, and no one wins a majority. However, we agree on the rules by which elections are conducted and accept their results.

Representative government works because of our support for elected leaders. We choose, as a society, to be governed by

them. It's frightening to think of governmental decisions being made by a handful of unelected people.

Elections serve at least four important functions. First, they allow us to express policy preferences across a wide range of issues. Voters try to push government in certain directions. We use elections, for example, to signal our leaders how to manage the economy or conduct foreign affairs.

Second, and most obviously, we use elections to choose our leaders. Candidates work hard to get our support, but, ultimately, the voters decide. We support the individuals we want in office and the party whose ideals and values align with our own.

Third, elections help us enforce accountability, which is essential to democratic government. Elections are the way we ensure our government officials answer for their actions. We use the vote to express approval and disapproval.

A fourth function, I believe, is that elections confer legitimacy to our system of representative government, giving our leaders the authority to act through the consent of the governed. Through elections, we delegate responsibility for officials to act on our behalf.

In the United States, the world's oldest constitutional democracy, we expect that elections will be free and honest and that votes will be tallied without prejudice or manipulation. Because of the importance of elections, we should be concerned about voter turnout. Only about 55% of eligible

adults vote in U.S. presidential elections; turnout is much higher in most other advanced democracies.

New developments have emerged to shake our faith in elections. Russian forces have tried to influence American voters. Russian, Chinese and Iranian hackers have reportedly tried to hack election-related computer accounts. Others have questioned the validity of voting by mail and suggested, without evidence, that the election may be rigged.

The integrity of the electoral process is tremendously important. Free, honest and transparent elections are essential for maintaining the public's faith in government.

Abraham Lincoln famously asked whether a nation conceived and dedicated to the principle that all people are created equal could long endure. His answer was that America needed a "new birth of freedom" to deliver on its promise. Free and fair elections, conducted in accordance with accepted rules and procedures, are the way we ensure that freedom is continually reborn. We need to treasure and protect them.

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# HCC to continue remote instruction through spring

HOLYOKE – Holyoke Community College will continue to offer the majority of its classes remotely through the 2021 spring semester, HCC President Christina Royal recently announced in a message to students, faculty and staff.

“So much has happened over the course of the last several months,” Royal said. “Sometimes it’s hard to imagine how our world will change from one day to the next. It is difficult to predict what life will look like for HCC months from now; however, we are preparing and planning as best we can for every possible scenario.”

In her message Royal said that “out of an abundance of caution,” HCC will continue to operate primarily remotely for the spring 2021 semester, with the vast majority of

courses offered in a remote or hybrid environment.

“We anticipate that no more than 10% of courses offered this spring will be held on campus,” she said. “In every case, plans for offering face-to-face courses will be reviewed by the college’s Return to Campus Task Force to ensure that health and safety protocols are in place.”

Royal said it was important to make this decision now because registration begins Monday, Nov. 2, for HCC’s two-week January term and the spring 2021 semester. Registration and course materials must be prepared in advance of that date, so students have time to make informed decisions about their classes.

HCC’s January term, called

Wintersession, begins Monday, Jan. 4. The spring 2021 semester begins Monday, Jan. 25. HCC will also be offering flexible spring start dates on Feb. 16 and March 29.

“This is a challenging time,” Royal said. “But our community is meeting it with resilience, creativity, and determination. I appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we navigate this time together. Supporting and inspiring our students remains our top priority today and always.”

Like most colleges, HCC started remote instruction in mid-March after the COVID-19 pandemic forced campus closures. This fall, all HCC classes are being offered in one of three formats: online, blended remote, and blended face-to-face.

Online courses follow a traditional, asynchronous online model with coursework deadlines established by instructors.

Blended remote courses have both asynchronous online components combined with real-time scheduled class meetings via videoconference platforms such as Zoom.

Blended face-to-face combines blended remote with some in-person instruction on campus. For the most part this format is limited to health science programs that require clinical labs, such as nursing, radiologic technology, veterinary technician, and medical assistant.

Holyoke Community College is the Commonwealth’s oldest

community college, serving more than 11,500 students annually in credit and noncredit programs and courses. The college holds transfer agreements with more than two dozen colleges and universities. Please visit the college on the web at [www.hcc.edu](http://www.hcc.edu).

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As for what they would like to see more of in Palmer most respondents – 20% – voted for the promotion of arts and heritage activities and resources while 18% opted for in-person arts and heritage activities. Activities that cross multiple interests was favored by 15% of those answered.

Citing a number of reports, as well as town records, stakeholder interviews, newspaper articles and other media, and master plan surveys, documented historic resources were showcased, including three National/State Register listed properties: Union Station, Palmer Memorial Hall and the Palmer Main Branch U.S. Post Office. There are also more than 600 resources with no designation.

Under the category of Historic and Cultural Entities, the Palmer Historical Commission, Palmer Cultural Council, Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, Palmer Public Library and Elbow Plantation Historical Society, were among those mentioned.

During the issues and opportunities section for Historic and Cultural Resources, waning participation in historic activities was cited as a concern.

### Community involvement

On the flip side, opportunities include making heritage a community-wide experience, implanting distinct village identities, creating several regional and statewide partners and offering more opportunities for student and family involvement.

The next steps will be finalizing draft goals/actions and preparing a draft of an existing conditions analysis for Economic Development.

For October, preparing a draft of goals and actions. The next public meeting is expected to be held on Oct. 29, at 6:30 p.m. The focus of that meeting will be on transportation and mobility.

In the meantime, questions and comments can be sent to Linda Leduc, town planner and economic development director, at 413-283-2605, or [lleduc@townofpalmer.com](mailto:lleduc@townofpalmer.com).

To view the complete results of the public survey and more, go to [palmermasterplan.com](http://palmermasterplan.com).

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dread this coming winter. Nearly 20 years down South can make you forget what an actual winter is like.

To be certain, I’ll adapt. But if we ever meet during these coming cold-weather months and you notice me sniffing and shivering a little, now you’ll understand why!

Nearly the entirety of my adult working life has been with newspapers. I started as a “stringer” covering high school sports for the local daily paper in my college town in Greenville, Pa. It was long enough ago that when I started there we were using typewriters (who’s old enough to remember those?) and during my last year at that newspaper, the Record-Argus, we were phasing in “computers.” Those great big, green-glowing monsters for which you had to type in a ridiculously long command just to get ellipses to print.

Three cheers for modern technology!

Since then, I worked at a variety of community-based newspapers, from start-ups to some that have been setting the standard for local journalism for more than 100 years. Along the way, I had the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest, most innovative editors and publishers in the business and it is my goal to distill what I’ve learned and the other experiences that have helped shape me through the years into a never-ending commitment to bring you, every week, a hometown newspaper that both informs and entertains you. A local newspaper that becomes part of your life, if it isn’t already.

Each of the communities in which I’ve lived and worked over the years was unique in some way. And although I’m not unfamiliar with Massachusetts, I’m still learning some the nuisances and mores of this area. One of my favorite things since coming here is seeing the “Free stuff!” signs – or some iteration of the phrase – in local neighborhoods next to everything from kitschy knick-knacks to some really nice-looking furniture. One person’s trash is another’s treasure, right?

Well enough about me. This is really all about you.

Serving readers has always been the best part of my career in newspapers. Making sure I do my part to get you the local news and information you can’t get anywhere else. It also means being involved in the community, getting to know as many people and organizations as possible, and above all, to be your eyes, ears, and voice.

And someone you can talk to. I want to hear your concerns and get your feedback. If I’ve learned anything over the years, it’s that no newspaper worth its salt – or ink, in our case! – exists in a vacuum.

So I hope to hear from you often. Even if it’s just to shoot the breeze, talk about sports, music, pets (full disclosure: I have two Chihuahuas and left an elderly cat with a family member in S.C.), movies, TV, books, podcasts...I think you get the picture. Above all, though, I always want to hear your local concerns and what I can do to serve you better.

We’re still working mostly remotely while the pandemic continues to pose a serious health threat, so the best way to reach me right now is by email at [mharrison@turley.com](mailto:mharrison@turley.com). You also can call me at the office by dialing 413-283-8393 and if I’m not there, you can have a message relayed from our front desk.

I look forward to hearing from you!

Mike

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forcement in October, around the anniversary of the day Holly’s remains were found in a wooded area off Five Bridge Road in Brimfield – Oct. 23, 1993.

“We’re trying not to get our hopes too high, but it would be nice to get something on that day,” Jackman said.

Piiranien’s case is one that has been cold for 27 years.

On Aug. 5, 1993, around 12 p.m. when she was 10, she was in Sturbridge with her father and Jackman’s brother, Richard Piiranien, when she was reported missing. The last time she was seen, she was in the area of Allen and South Shore roads to play with puppies at a residence on South Shore Road.

When her family began to search for her all they found was one of her shoes. She was reported missing by her father, who began to search for her. Police were notified, and a massive search began.

Three months later on Oct. 23, 1993, Holly’s body was found in Brimfield by hunters in a wooded area off of Five Bridge Road in Brimfield.

The case was originally with Worcester County District Attorney John Conte’s office, but was turned over to Hamden County in 2003.

Currently, the case is investigated by Hampden County District Attorney Anthony Gulluni’s office.

“(The) Hampden District Attorney, along with Massachusetts State Police Detectives assigned to the office, continue to aggressively investigate and follow up on leads that come in,” wrote James Leydon, director of public media for Gulluni, in an email on Friday, Oct. 2.

The Piiranien family also wanted the community to “remember no tip is too small, someone knows something.”

The family is still offering a \$40,000 reward for information that will lead to a conviction of the person responsible for Holly Piiranien’s death. Any leads on the case can be forwarded to 413-505-5993.

The family conducted a Hope For Holly tip campaign in 2018, hoping there would be a break in the case.

A text-a-tip can be used texting the word CRIMES (2-7-4-6-3-7) and type the word SOLVE into the body of the message, followed by any tip.

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# WNEU to host undergraduate open house Oct. 17

Will be a live, interactive virtual event

SPRINGFIELD — Western New England University will host high school students and their parents in a virtual open house that will be filmed live on Saturday, Oct. 17, from 10 a.m. to noon. The event is free, but advanced reservation is required by visiting the website at [visit.wne.edu](http://visit.wne.edu) or calling the Admissions Office at 413-782-1312.

Assistant Vice President for Enrollment Management and Retention and Dean of First Year Students Kerri Jarzabski will lead guests on a live virtual tour of the campus, introduce them to the University's new President, Dr. Robert Johnson, and show them what life is like as a Golden Bear.

Along the way, prospective students and their families will interact with current students, win prizes and learn about academic opportunities within the Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business and

Engineering. Also featured will be our new 4U University Advising Program and options for academic support; admissions and financial aid; living on campus and commuting; student activities; athletics, and more.

"I am so excited to have a chance to meet our prospective students at this event," said Jarzabski. "Even though we are not able to have large numbers of students on campus, I am confident that those that attend will get a true sense of the Golden Bear spirit that exists on our campus."

To wrap up the event, Jarzabski will host a live panel, where guests will be able to ask questions directly to students.

After the formal event, prospective families will be able to join academic break-out sessions, watch a video overview, and join a Zoom session for each college.

For a complete list of virtual open house dates and times visit [wne.edu](http://wne.edu).

# News from Baystate Health: October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

SPRINGFIELD — Did you miss your scheduled mammogram this year when COVID-19 hit and hospitals around the country were forced to postpone all routine screening imaging studies?

If you did, it's time to take action.

Recent surveys identified a major dip in cancer screenings since the novel coronavirus outbreak, with one report noting breast cancer and cervical cancer screenings dropping 94 percent in March.

If you missed your mammogram during the shutdown and haven't rescheduled your appointment, now is the time to do so as October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month serves as a reminder about the importance of getting screened.

Baystate Health began routine screening mammography once again in June, yet some women still have not rescheduled their mammograms, some out of fear for catching COVID-19, noted Dr. Jennifer Hadro, interim medical co-director, Baystate Breast and Wellness Center.

"Delaying a visit to the hospital can be dangerous to your health. Mammograms can reveal problems before you have symptoms and can detect breast cancer when it's small and easiest to treat," said Dr. Hadro.

She noted Baystate is taking detailed measures to keep patients safe when visiting the hospital. Among the protocols in place include: requiring masks for patients and visitors, rigorously cleaning our hospitals and clinics following stringent infection control guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), screening for COVID-19 symptoms, providing caregivers with essential PPE, and practicing social distancing.

Baystate's highly-trained team of radiology experts use the latest digital equipment, including newer 3D mammography, referred to as digital breast tomosynthesis, to perform more than 60,000 mam-

mograms a year.

As opposed to 2D mammograms, 3D mammograms take multiple images or "slices" of the breast from different angles to create a three-dimensional picture of the breast. The "slices" can reduce images with overlapping breast tissue and give doctors a clearer image of the breast tissue.

"Using 3D mammography has several benefits. Studies show that 3D can significantly decrease the number of false positives, meaning fewer patients are called back for additional imaging. In addition, 3D mammography has been shown in studies to increase the number of breast cancers detected at screening," said Dr. Hadro, who noted most insurances will now cover 3D screening.

If you've never had a mammogram, Dr. Hadro recommends talking with your physician to determine when it is right for you to begin screening.

Most women should start screening mammograms at age 40. If you are at high risk due to fami-

ly or personal history, your doctor may recommend that you begin regular screenings before age 40. Once you begin, you should expect to have a mammogram at least every one to two years.

Possible signs and symptoms of breast cancer that could indicate a need for evaluation by a doctor include: new lump in the breast or underarm, irritation or dimpling of breast skin, redness or flat skin in the nipple area of the breast, pulling in of the nipple, nipple discharge other than breast milk that is spontaneous (not occurring with self-examination), including blood, and any change in the size or the shape of your breast.

After talking with your doctor about screening, you can make an appointment for a mammogram at one of Baystate Health's several mammography locations across western Massachusetts and northern Connecticut by filling out a form at [baystatehealth.org/get-screened](http://baystatehealth.org/get-screened) or calling 413-794-2222.

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# Womanshelter Compañeras presents Domestic Violence Awareness Virtual Speaker Series

HOLYOKE — October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. In recognition, Womanshelter/Compañeras is virtually hosting "Allies in Action: A Speaker Series," a dynamic conversation about domestic violence every Thursday, Oct. 1 through Oct. 22 at 4 p.m.

Kristen Faith — the founder of Break the Silence Against Domestic Violence, entrepreneur and American Red Cross Humanitarian Award recipient — kicked off the series Oct. 1 by sharing her story of surviving an abusive relationship.

"One of the greatest things social changers can do is share their knowledge and resources with others to create an even greater ripple effect of change,"

Faith said. "Change starts with each and every one of us."

Together, we can turn a ripple effect into a tidal wave. Womanshelter/Compañeras invites everyone — business leaders, entrepreneurs, social changers, community organizers and others — to attend this free event.

"Intimate partner violence can happen to anyone," Womanshelter/Compañeras executive director Carmen Nieves said. "Family members, neighbors and employers are bystanders who can make a difference to a survivor's life."

On Oct. 8, Terry Josiah Sharpe — one of the most sought after educators on healthy relationships — is sharing his story about perpetuating and overcoming abuse.

"As men, it's not easy to recognize the signs of domestic violence in a toxic masculine society," Sharpe said. "We have to understand domestic violence comes in more forms than just physical, and then look internally to recognize if we are perpetuating abuse."

Break The Silence Against Domestic Violence Board president Tara Woodlee will speak on Oct. 15 about starting her advocacy after her daughter Ashleigh and her unborn baby were killed by Ashleigh's boyfriend.

A roundtable of leaders from Massachusetts domestic violence services and prevention organizations will wrap up the speaker series on Oct. 22. The panel includes Womanshelter/Compañeras Exec-

utive Director Carmen Nieves, The Center of Hope and Healing Executive Director Isa Woldegiorgis, Casa Myrna CEO Stephanie Brown and New Realm Coaching and Consulting founder Elizabeth Solomon will be moderating the event.

"Allies in Action" speakers have been featured in TIME Magazine, People, Now This, The New York Post, Ted Talks, The Oprah Winfrey Show, and Investigation Discovery.

Register for "Allies in Action" at [womanshelter.org/events-2](http://womanshelter.org/events-2). Those attending the event that would like to make a donation to Womanshelter/Compañeras, can make their donation at [womanshelter.org/support-us/](http://womanshelter.org/support-us/)

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## SOCCER

# Mustangs take down Ware in return to action

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

WARE — The major difference in the season-opening boys soccer match between Monson and Ware was experience.

Holding a slim 2-1 halftime lead, the Mustangs, who return several key players, scored three goals during the third quarter en route to a 5-1 road victory, last Friday afternoon.

“Monson is a storied soccer program and they have a couple more experienced players than we do,” said Ware head coach Jesse Trzpit. “We’re a young team and it has been a couple of years since we’ve competed at the varsity level.”

Trzpit coached the Indians junior varsity squad last year, which finished with a .500 record.

“We played against a mixture of j.v. and freshmen teams,” Trzpit said. “We faced teams like South Hadley, Northampton, Putnam, and

Granby. Those teams were very good competition for us, but we’re now ready to take the next step. Monson is one of our biggest rivals, along with Palmer, in other sports. My guys were very excited to play them for the first time.”

It was the first meeting between the two boys’ soccer teams in more than twenty years.

The Mustangs, who also finished the 2019 campaign with a .500 record, lost to Lenox in the Western Massachusetts Division 4 championship match. Only four players graduated from last year’s squad.

“We do have a few experienced returning players and it was nice to finally be back out on the field playing again,” said second-year Monson head coach Peter Beaupre. “We were able to move the ball a lot better during the second half, which made a huge difference.”

Due to COVID-19, there won’t be a traditional Western Mass. tournament, or a state tournament held

in November. There are also several new rules.

“The game is a lot different this year because of the rule changes,” Beaupre said. “My players like to dribble the ball up the field, but now they’ll have to pass it a lot more. We just need to learn the new rules and keep improving in every game.”

Players aren’t allowed to head the ball and they can’t make intentional body contact with an opposing player. There isn’t any more slide tackling allowed, and throw-ins have been replaced by kick-ins.

Goalkeeper aren’t allowed to kick, punt or drop-kick beyond mid-field anymore.

All of the players and referees are required to wear masks on the field.

Instead of two 40-minute halves, the season opener consisted of four 20-minute quarters.

The Mustangs got on the scoreboard for the first time this fall 10 minutes into the opening quarter.

The scoring play began with junior Noah Martinson delivering a downfield pass to senior Scott Watson, who fired a breakaway shot into the right side of the net past Ware senior goalkeeper Devin Henry, who made a total of 28 saves.

Henry made a couple of outstanding saves, which kept his team within striking distance during the first 40-minutes of the contest.

“Devin is an outstanding goalie and he’s also one of our team leaders,” Trzpit said. “It has been a joy to watch him improve from the beginning of last season. Without him back there we would be in a lot of trouble.”

Henry received plenty of support from his defensive unit led by freshman Kyle Safford, freshman Jack McKeever, sophomore Kolby McDonell-Kularski, sophomore Josh Musnicki, and sophomore Carter Moorhouse.

With five minutes remaining in the first quarter, the Indians tied

the score following a goal by junior Nick James, which was unassisted.

“That was an outstanding goal by Nick,” Trzpit said. “Their goalie came out to make the save and Nick was able to put the ball into the back of the net.”

Monson had a golden opportunity to retake the lead a minute into the second quarter, but Henry made a one handed save on a shot attempt by freshman Colin Beaupre knocking the ball over the crossbar, which resulted in a corner kick. Henry then made another save on a shot taken by senior Connor Santos.

Six minutes into the second period, Monson junior goalkeeper Colby Duggan, who was the Mustangs starter during the 2019 post-season tournament, was replaced by freshman Ethan Thurston, who made his first appearance in a varsity game. Duggan, who’s 6-foot-5, reentered the game as a field player.

“We might change goalies during the game depending on the

situation,” Beaupre said. “We do have two very good goalies.”

Duggan netted the go-ahead goal on a tap in with eight minutes remaining in the opening half. Santos was credited with the assist.

The Mustangs three goals during the third quarter was scored by Martinson, Santos, and Watson. The trio were members of the varsity team a year ago.

Watson had several chances to record his first hat-trick of the new season during the first ten minutes of the final quarter. Henry made saves on two of his shot attempts and the other one banged off the right post.

With less than five minutes showing on the scoreboard clock, a shot by James was knocked over the crossbar by Duggan, who had replaced Thurston at the start of the final quarter.

The two teams are scheduled to battle each other again at Coach Robert E. Moriarty Soccer Field in Monson on Nov. 6.



Billy Partelo follows through on his swing.



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Lily White socks the ball on her first drive of the day.

## Panthers win first two matches

PALMER — The Palmer High School golf team took the win in both of its matches so far this season, defeating South Hadley 14.5-9.5 in a match-up form of play, while also defeating Pathfinder 174-196 in a matchup of total strokes per side. The Panthers are 2-0 to start the season and had a second match against South Hadley scheduled for Oct. 8, then take on Monson on Oct. 13.



Nick Lafrennie strokes the ball a long way.

## FALL SPORTS

# Geographic ‘bubbles’ adopted for fall season

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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REGION — It seemed to work OK for Major League Baseball, and now the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Conference in Western Massachusetts and Mid-Wach League of Central Mass. are utilizing a similar strategy to limit travel for teams.

High school fall sports will observe a similar limited travel schedule to that of the MLB as they go into “geographic” bubbles.

In Western Mass., due to the diversity of the area, the PVIAC has always made leagues based on a competitive balance. While you might see intermingling of the teams in Division 1, 2, 3, and 4, it is based on how good a team’s competition level is in a certain sport.

Now, there is still intermingling of divisions, but it is only based on the region and the pure geography of the area.

In many sports, the teams have been divided into four “bubbles.” They are Hampshire East and West, and Hampden East and West. Many of the Springfield teams have been placed into a bubble within the city

due to the number of schools there.

The Hampden leagues consists mostly of the larger schools in the region as Longmeadow, East Longmeadow, Minnechaug, Chicopee, and Chicopee Comprehensive are lumped into the Hampden East.

On the other side, the Hampden West features Westfield, Agawam, West Springfield, Holyoke, Northampton, with smaller schools Southwick and Hampshire Regional lumped in.

Smaller schools are featured in the Hampshire West, with Gateway, Easthampton, Smith Vocational, St. Mary’s, Westfield Tech, and the Pioneer Valley Chinese Immersion School.

The Hampshire East is the largest and perhaps the most diverse league with South Hadley and Belchertown in a bubble with four smaller schools in Monson, Palmer, Pathfinder, and Ware, and Amherst as a major Division 1 outlier. With teams playing schedules of 10 to 12 games, there are no games scheduled outside a respective bubble. This limits the interaction between schools and lengthy travel on buses where students are in closer contact.

There are some small exceptions, and they exist in field hockey and girls volleyball, where there are fewer teams in the region. However, the divisions are pretty similar. Field hockey has all the same teams in the Hampden West with the exception of Southwick, which is not playing field hockey.

Hampden East features Longmeadow, Minnechaug, East Longmeadow, Belchertown, South Hadley, and Amherst. Ludlow, Chicopee, and Chicopee Comprehensive do not have field hockey programs.

Girls volleyball has three bubbles.

Quabbin High School is a in a Central Mass. bubble that includes Oakmont, Murdock, and Gardner among its opponents.

The fall season officially began last Thursday with limited action. Full game schedules were going on Monday. Springfield’s schedule is postponed for now with the city being elevated to high-risk status. Communities in that status are not able to play any high school sports. Monson was in that status a few weeks ago, but was cleared before the season began.

## FALL SPORTS

# Top Open-Wheel racers preparing for World Series Modified

THOMPSON, Conn. — Some of the top open-wheel racers from throughout the Northeast are getting ready for two major open events as part of the 58th Annual Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing at Connecticut’s Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. The Budweiser Modified Open, and 350 Supermodified Open on Saturday, October 10 have big prizes up for grabs and big names ready to chase them.

The 75-lap open event for Tour-type Modifieds has more than \$26,000 in posted awards with \$5,000 for the winner. Notable Modified racers such as Eric Goodale, Chase Dowling, Jeff Gallup, and Mike Christopher Jr. are preparing their ground-pounders for one of the most anticipated events on the packed World Series schedule.

Of the early entries for the Budweiser Modified Open, Bethlehem, CT’s Dowling might be the one to keep the closest eye on. The 22-year-old hot shoe is already a winner at Thompson Speedway in

the Modified Racing Series at the 2019 Icebreaker.

Dowling also has victories with the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, Tri-Track Open Modified Series, Modified Touring Series, and Stafford Motor Speedway SK Modifieds in his young career. For the Budweiser Modified Open, he will team with veteran car owner Jimmy Paige and his #00 Troyer machine. Dowling will also drive a NEMA Midget during the weekend, and says the Modified might feel like slow motion, compared to the winged midget around the .625-mile oval.

“We’ve been good at Thompson in the past few years, winning or finishing second,” Dowling said. “But we’ve been struggling lately with Jimmy’s car. The guys took the car apart, found a few things wrong with it and I think we will be good going back there. Thompson is its own character... the racing has been aggressive there lately, which is good for the fans. It’s creates a risk versus reward.”

Riverhead, NY’s Goodale comes into the Budweiser Modified Open on an upswing. The veteran recently won the pole for the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour event at Stafford, producing a much-needed highlight in a tough season. The multi-time NASCAR Modified winner has a career-best Thompson finish of third and looks to improve on that in his familiar #58.

The Mike Christopher Jr. entry is one of the most intriguing to date. Wolcott, CT’s Christopher, the nephew of the all-time leading Thompson Speedway winner Ted Christopher, will drive for Tommy Baldwin Racing in the Budweiser Modified Open. The pairing of the second-generation racer and the Daytona 500-winning crew chief has run up front in the Stafford Open Modified series this year. Christopher has a Sunoco Modified win at Thompson and now is aiming for an even bigger score.

Agawam, MA’s Jeff Gallup,





Anthony Serricchio makes contacts for a drive.



Logan Watts winds up for his tee-off.



Photos by David Henry [www.sweetdogphotos.com](http://www.sweetdogphotos.com)  
Thoms Knybel-Grant watches his ball travel.



Trevor Allard follows through on his first stroke of the afternoon.

## Panthers defeat Pioneers in opener

### Help feature your student-athletes

By Gregory A. Scibelli  
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The fall season is starting and Turley Publications is looking forward to getting back out on the field to bring you the high school action for all your favorite teams.

We know this fall season is important to many senior athletes, who watched Class of 2020 lose their entire spring season.

We're asking for help on this upcoming season in order to bring the best coverage we can possibly manage and fill our pages with names and color.

We know that fans will be limited to the home crowds, but that is where you all come in.

We have a limited number of staff to start the school year due to the pandemic, and while we strive to get to as many games as possible, we cannot cover every one in-person.

If you are a parent, coach, or even player, and you have information or photographs to share, we definitely want to hear from you.

If you don't see one of our photographers at a game, please feel free to send your own action photos of games in order to bolster our coverage. If you are interested in regularly submitted photos, please do contact us.

Otherwise, we would love to hear from anyone who reports scores, details, and any milestones that occur during this unprecedented season. Please be sure the information you provide us is accurate and check with coaches, if necessary, before submitting.

We also encourage all coaches to submit their results and details as much as possible. Send any and all information and photos for inclusion to [sports@turley.com](mailto:sports@turley.com).

## Bondsville Bowling News

By Dave Smigiel

Top-seeded Roll-A-Way quartet are now the 52nd champions of the Bondsville Bowling League. They outdistanced the second seeded Incredibowls by 23 pins (1424-1401). The Incredibowls were being spotted 32 pins per string and after the first were down by 34. Steve Swistak with 111 and Peter Swistak with 101 were countered by Kylie Josefiak with her 115, Josh Lowell 109, Mike Nicholson 105 and Phil Clough 116. Mike came back with a huge 132, Josh a 113 and Kylie a 101 but the Incredibowls would gain a dozen pins as Steve's 120 along with Pete's 109 provided the edge. They were down 22 heading into the final string. Roll-A-Way would manage a single pin victory in the third resulting in the final margin of 23. Mike finished with 128 and led all bowlers at 365. Phil contributed 114 (328), Kylie 109 (325) and Josh 100 (322) as they got a solid effort from all team members. Pete completed his evening with a super 137 and topped his foursome at 347. Steve followed at 328, while Billy Brunk

chipped in with a third string 109 and ended at 301. Roll-A-Way finished a weird 2019-2020 season by setting a new league record with 131.5 points.

The Night Hawks slammed the Narutowicz for third place by 72 (1414-1342). Both teams totaled 449 after one. The Hawks took control in the middle stanza by recording a big 531 while the Towicz could only manage 460. The Hawks big total resulted from Dave Smigiel's 126, Dave Fennyery's 120, Gavin Sinclair's 116 and Doug Grigas' 110. The Hawks would take the third by one skinny little pin. Dave F. led the Hawks at 324 with Smigs at 319, Gavin 304 and Doug 290. Lee Robinson was the lone bright spot for the barnmen as his team leading 329 resulted from singles of 109, 115 and 105.

Sandri finished the year on a high note as they snuck past Zeke's Freaks by three (1388-1385) in a low scoring affair. Their third string win margin (479-471) did the trick. Rich Picotte was the main man as his 321 included 119 and 108 singles. Sean Andersen added 113 and 309. Zeke Sicard with 103 and 285 was the best the

Freaks could muster. Sandri looks forward to getting Sue Horton back into their lineup while Zeke's is glad this season is over and look for improvement in 2020-2021.

Jody Orszulak with 341 (105 and a pair of 118's) and Carl Oberg with 323 (118 and 113) tag teamed the Snappers winning by 45. Kevin Krasnecky registered 129 and 108 in topping the shellmen at 325. Rusty Lambert added 119 and 304 while Andy Tombor rolled a 109 third and Ed Stachowicz a 100 opener.

The 2019-2020 season is finally history and we salute our new champions – Roll-A-Way. They will be back to try and repeat as our new season will begin on Oct. 8. We've added one new team (the Ballers) which puts our number at 13.

The Bondsville league would like to thank Harry McKeon for his work as president and Dan Josefiak and Dave Smigiel for their efforts as Secretary-Treasurer. Dan and Dave will be back while Harry has stepped aside with Peter Swistak assuming the duties as our new president.

## AHL could begin play on Dec. 4

SPRINGFIELD – American Hockey League President and CEO Scott Howson has announced a revised start date for the 2020-21 AHL season, as approved by the league's Board of Governors during its 2020 Annual Meeting held today via conference call.

At the recommendation of the AHL's Return to Play Task Force, the Board of Governors has approved moving the anticipated start of the 2020-21 regular season to December 4, 2020, due to the ongoing COVID-19 public health crisis. The AHL will continue to work with its member clubs to monitor developments and local guidelines in all 31 league cities.

Further details regarding the 2020-21 American Hockey League schedule are still to be determined.

In operation since 1936, the AHL serves as the top development league for all 31 National Hockey League teams. Nearly 90 percent of today's NHL players are American Hockey League graduates, and more than 100 honored members of the Hockey Hall of Fame spent time in the AHL in their careers.

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Center Conway, NH's Andy Shaw, and Copiague, NY's Glen Steger are among the other Modified racers who have field entries. Gallup and Shaw are proven frontrunners in various touring Modified divisions while Steger is a longtime competitor in the local Sunoco Modifieds. The many rules options for the event allows these racers and many more to share the asphalt at America's oldest paved race track.

Several household names are also gearing up for the 30-lap, \$2,000-to-win 350 Small Block Supermodified Open. Two racers from Windham, ME, Bobby Timmons III and Brad Babb, have committed to the event.

Both had successful careers in Late Model and Super Late Model racing before transitioning to the Supermodified ranks. Babb won the 2017 championship at Epping, NH's Star Speedway in his first Supermodified season. Timmons recently won the Star Mayor's Cup and was a top-5 finisher in the Star Classic.

Seabrook, NH's Rich Eaton is another noteworthy entry for the 350 Supermodifieds. Eaton is a winner at Star Speedway this year and scored a podium finish in the 2019 Oswego Classic at New York's Oswego Speedway.

Drivers can still enter both the Budweiser Modified Open and the 350 Supermodified Open. The entry forms and rules are available at [www.thompsonspeedway.com](http://www.thompsonspeedway.com), [www.actour.com/thompson-speedway](http://www.actour.com/thompson-speedway) (link is external), and [www.proall-starseries.com](http://www.proall-starseries.com) (link is external).

These events are part of a 19-division card at the 58th Annual Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing. The three-day racing festival from Friday, October 9 to Sunday, October 11 also includes the NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour, ISMA Big Block Supermodifieds, ACT-type Late Model Open, NEMA Midgets, Street Stock Open, North East Mini Stock Tour and much more.

General admission at the Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing is \$55 for a three-day adult ticket and \$15 for kids ages 12 and under. Advance tickets can be purchased by visiting <https://happsnow.com/event/Thompson-Speedway-Motor-sports-Park-YHPQ/WORLD-SERIES--NO2QX-> (link is external). Pit passes will be sold at the track and are \$75 for adults and \$40 for kids ages 12 and under.

For more information about the Sunoco World Series of Speedway Racing schedule, contact the ACT offices at (802) 244-6963, [media@acttour.com](mailto:media@acttour.com), or visit [www.actour.com/thompson-speedway](http://www.actour.com/thompson-speedway) (link is external). You can also get updates on Facebook and Twitter at @ACTTour.

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O B I T U A R I E S

Deborah Cardano

MONSON/LYNN – Deborah Ann (Hoy) Ainsworth Cardano, 67, formerly of Monson, Mass., and most recently of Lynn, passed away on Sept. 28, 2020. She was born in Stafford Springs, Conn., daughter of the late Thomas and Joan (Bristol) Hoy.

Debbie worked as the HR manager for Toys R’ Us in Springfield. Prior to that she worked for Boone Trailers. She was a hardworking and dedicated mother who had to overcome tremendous loss in her life. She volunteered as a Girl Scout Leader, softball coach and was a chaperone for many school events and worked two jobs at most times

to provide for her children and their education. Debbie enjoyed crafts, including knitting, cross-stitch, and quilting, and country music.

She is survived by five children, Kim Ainsworth of East Longmeadow; Kelly Chatterton of Lynn; Kerry Wyckoff of Agawam; Stephanie Cardano of Springfield and Thomas Cardano of Hampden. She was predeceased by her beloved son, Anthony Cardano in 1991. She also leaves behind 10 grandchildren, Paul, Ray, David, Sarah, Brian, Walter, Edward, Matthew, Julie, and Victoria as well as 3 great grandchildren, Eli, Emma and Rowan. Debbie leaves her three

brothers, Thomas Hoy of Palmer; Stephen Hoy of Monson; and Ricky Hoy of Agawam; and a godchild, Daniel Gore of Wilbraham as well as several nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends.

Visitation was held on Oct. 5 at Lombard Funeral Home in Monson, followed by a graveside service in Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson. If desired, memorial contributions in Debbie’s name may be made to Make-A-Wish Foundation of MA, 181 Park Ave., #12, West Springfield, Mass. 01089. Please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com) to share online condolences.

John Coulter

DEEP RIVER, Connecticut – John Coulter, 82, of Deep River, Connecticut, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020, surrounded by his family. He was a loving husband to Beverly Barlow Coulter for 59 years. Jack loved a good joke and always had

He was an avid sailor who spent many weekends crossing Long Island Sound. He enjoyed travelling with his wife, visiting South Africa, Australia, and much of Europe. He was active at Deep River Congregational Church as a trustee and on the stewardship committee. Jack was

born Aug. 8, 1938, in Palmer, Massachusetts.

He started his career as a draftsman with General Electric in Pittsfield and later worked for Stanley Works, Simon Container Machinery and Paulson Training Programs.

He is loved and will be missed by his wife, his sister, Elizabeth (Norbert) Fauteux, of Palmer, Massachusetts, his sons, Scott (Kathleen) Coulter, of Norwalk, and Todd (Kelly) Coulter, of Southington, his daughter,



Kim (Dan) Gage, of Millersville, Maryland, and grandchildren, Jessica, Jack and Patrick Coulter; Ashley and Sarah Mafale; and Caroline, Annie and Cate Gage.

Donations may be made in his memory to Deep River Congregational Church or a charity of peoples’ choosing. To share a memory or express a condolence, please visit [www.rwfwfr.com](http://www.rwfwfr.com).

Arrangements are by the Robinson, Wright & Weymer Funeral Home, in Centerbrook.

Earl M. Gilbert

MONSON – Earl M. Gilbert, 94, passed away Oct. 1, 2020, peacefully, surrounded by his loving family at home. He was born May 16, 1926, in Springfield, the son of Melvin and Esther (Pease) Gilbert. Earl and his parents were previously relocated from the town of Greenwich, as a result of the Quabbin Reservoir being developed.

Earl proudly served his country during World War II in the U.S. Army, and was a member of the First Church of Monson. As a lifelong resident of Monson, Earl worked for over 35 years as a heavy equipment operator with the International Union of Oper-

ating Engineers Local 98 and retired in 1991. Earl was a very caring and devoted family man; he and his wife instilled family values to his children and grandchildren. He was always available to lend a helping hand with kindness and witiness, and was loved by all who knew him.

In 2012, Earl was predeceased by his wife, Marilyn (Bardsley), and in 2000, by his daughter, Linda M. Stuart, of California. Earl is survived by his children, Debra L. Gilbert, of Monson, Wayne E. Gilbert, and his wife,



Terry, of South Hadley, Mark T. Gilbert, of Wales, and Eric M. Gilbert, and his fiancé, Wendy Sears, of Palmer. He also leaves seven grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Earl’s services will be private. Beers & Story Funeral Home has been entrusted with the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Monson Ambulance Service.

For details, visit [www.beersandstory.com](http://www.beersandstory.com).

Camillo M. Jacobs

MONSON – Camillo Mario (Beanie) Jacobs, 84, a lifelong resident of Monson, passed away at home in the care of his loving and devoted family. He now joins his beloved wife Alice “Jean” Jacobs who predeceased him on Feb. 3, 2018, after nearly 57 years of marriage. Camillo was born on Nov. 5, 1935, the son of the late Anthony and Augusta (Santini) Jacobs, of Italy, and was educated in Monson schools.

He served his country honorably in the U.S. Army. He retired from Rathbone Corporation as a machine operator after 20 plus years of service. Prior to that, he ran a rock-crushing machine at Monson Sand and Gravel. Camillo enjoyed spending time with his family, bird watching, hiking at Conant Brook Dam, and he loved his dogs immensely. Most Sundays were spent watching NASCAR

races as a lifelong fan of Dale Earnhardt.

Camillo is survived by his daughter and caregiver, Brenda Gagne, and her husband, Joseph, of Monson; his three sons, Christopher Jacobs, and his wife, Linda, of Palmer; Steven Jacobs, and his wife, Marcia, of Bloomfield, Connecticut; Michael Jacobs, and his fiancé, Christina Comerford-Lloyd, of Palmer. Camillo leaves behind a sister, Antoinette Hale, of Florida, as well as his 16 grandchildren, Amy Hersey, and her husband, Dan, Kristen Pelletier, and her husband, Ross, Jason Gagne, Isiah Gagne, Diana Gagne, Shyla Gagne, Alexis Lucia, Angela Hall, and her husband, Kevin, Katherine Jacobs, Jennifer Jacobs, Sean Comerford, Samantha Lloyd, Amanda Lloyd, Brendon Lloyd, and Nick



Lloyd. He also leaves four great grandchildren, Austin Hersey, Vanessa, Charles and Archie Pelletier. He was predeceased by a grandson, Omar Gagne, and by his two brothers, Santo and Louis Jacobs.

A graveside service will be held on Saturday, Oct. 10, at 1 p.m., in Bethany Cemetery, Monson along with military honors.

In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Camillo Jacobs to support cancer research and patient care at: Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via [www.dana-farber.org/gift](http://www.dana-farber.org/gift).

Please visit [www.lombardfuneralhome.com](http://www.lombardfuneralhome.com) for more details and to share online condolences and memories.

Police/Fire

Police Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Place Department responded to six summons and arrests from Sept. 30 to Oct. 6. Those arrested will appear at the Palmer District Court at a future date and are innocent until proven guilty.

Thursday, Oct. 1

Thomas E. Herd, 69, of 29 Beacon Dr., Palmer, was arrested at 11:40 a.m., on Beacon Drive in Palmer, on charges of a warrant and resisting arrest.

Friday, Oct. 2

Adria Ann Champney, 38, of 244 Wilbraham St., Palmer, was arrested at 8:21 p.m., on the intersection of Thorndike Street and

Shearer Street in Palmer, on charges of a motor vehicle lights violation; and operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Shannon M. Griffin, 37, of 3147 Main St., Bondsville, was arrested at 9:02 p.m., on Ware Street in Thorndike, on charges of operating a motor vehicle under the influence of liquor; negligent operation of a motor vehicle and possession of a Class B drug.

Sunday, Sept. 27

Charles Joseph Jr. McLaughlin, 63, of 180 Tiffany Rd., Apt. #06255, North Grose Venordale, was arrested at 4:14 p.m., on charges of disorderly conduct and assault and battery.

Sunday, Oct. 3

Michael A. Maysonet, 32, of 26 Palmer Rd., Apt. #D, Monson, was arrested at 11:26 a.m., on charges of larceny over \$1,200 by single scheme, forgery of check (12 counts); uttering a false check (12 counts); receiving stolen property (eight counts) and attempted larceny by single scheme (three counts).

— Compiled by Jonah Snowden

Fire Logs

PALMER

The Palmer Fire Department responded to five incidents from Sept. 29 through Oct. 5.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 2:36 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Fieldstone Drive. The department returned to service at 3:39 p.m.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 9:13 p.m., the department responded to an equipment malfunction call on Thorndike Street. The department returned to service at Thorndike Street.

On Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 3:09 p.m., the department responded to a Chemical Hazard on Main Street in Thorndike. The department returned to service at 3:55 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 5, at 8:54 a.m., the department provided medical assistance on Pine Street. The department returned to service at 9:17 a.m.

On Monday, Oct. 5, at 10:52 a.m., the department conducted an odor investigation on Orchard Street. The department returned to service at 11:19 a.m.

THREE RIVERS

The Three Rivers Fire Department responded to three calls from Oct. 2 through Oct. 5.

On Friday, Oct. 2, at 10:34 a.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Off Bourne Street. The department returned to service at 10:45 a.m.

On Sunday, Oct. 4, at 11:16 p.m., the department responded to a smoke detector activation on Skyline Terrace. The department returned to service at 11:38 p.m.

On Monday, Oct. 5, at 6:22 p.m., the department responded to an EMS incident on South Street. The call was cancelled and the department returned to service at 6:28 p.m.

BONDSDVILLE

The Bondsville Fire Department responded to no cool from Sept. 28 through Oct. 5.

The Monson Fire Department responded to seven fire calls and 15 EMS calls from Sept. 27 through Oct. 4.

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, at 5:24 p.m., the department responded to

NEWS & FEATURES

As a paper of record, we attempt to cover all general news, personality profiles, and community features that we know about. This includes all selectmen and school committee meetings as well as spot planning board, board of health, finance, and other town meetings determined by the issue’s relevance to our readers. There are the annual major community event features that we should always cover, but we are more than open to suggestions of other features to celebrate the fabric of our communities and their many interesting occupants. Our loyal advertisers provide funding for this paid staff coverage.

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Saturday Oct 31  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 1  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 7  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 8  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Saturday, Nov 14  
9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Sunday, Nov 15  
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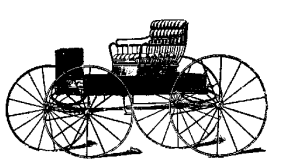
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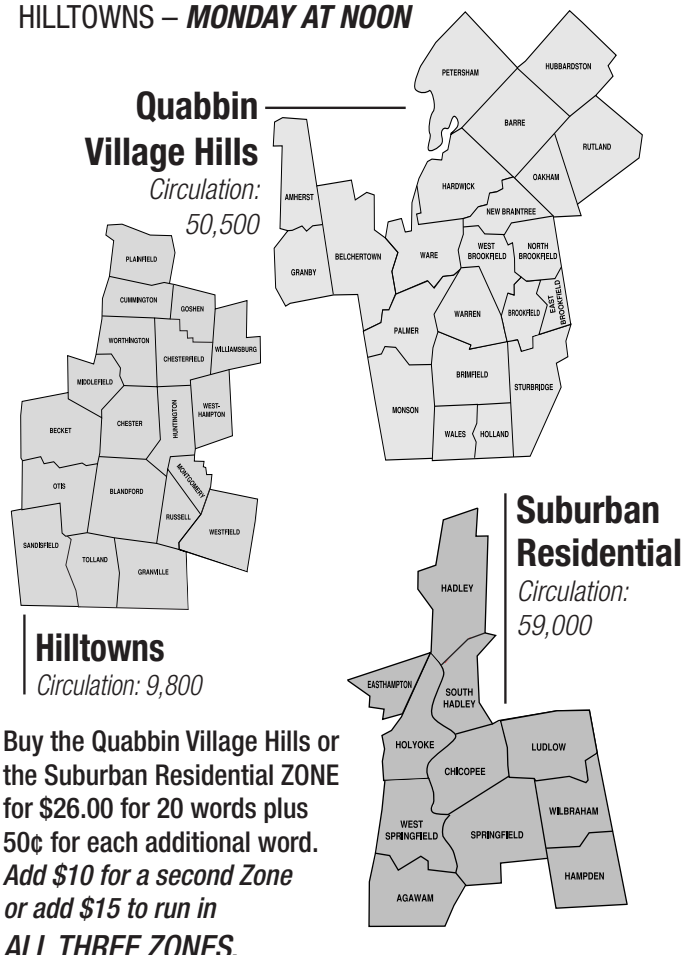
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## PALMER PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, Section 11 M.G.L., the Palmer Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Monday, October 19, 2020 at 7:00 PM** in the Town Hall Meeting Room, 4417 Main Street, Palmer, MA.

The applicant, Black Bay Ventures VI, LLC, dba Palmer Foundry is seeking Site Plan Approval, and a Finding as required by section 171.29 and 171.83Q for the construction of an addition over an existing concrete foundation on property located at 22 Mt. Dumplin Road, Palmer, MA. This Parcel is also known as Assessor's Map 19, Parcel 9 & 10.

A copy of the application may be inspected at the Planning Department office in Town Hall from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM Monday through Friday.

Anyone interested in more information or wishing to be heard on the application can contact the Planning Department at 413-283-2605 or appear at the time and place designated above.

This notice is also posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association's (MNPA) website (<http://masspublicnotices.org>).

Michael Marciniec,  
Chairman  
10/01, 10/08/2020

## WALES CONSERVATION COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act (ch. 131, s. 40) a Public Hearing will be held by the Wales Conservation Commission for a Notice of Intent filed by Sunpin Solar, LLC for Cindy Boucher for the construction of a solar energy facility at 40 Sizer Drive, Wales MA. **This will be a virtual public hearing on Thursday October 22, 2020.** Please email or call the Wales Conservation Commission for electronic access:

conservation@townofwales.net,  
413-245-7571 x114.  
10/08/2020

## PALMER CONSERVATION COMMISSION PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

In accordance with the Wetland Protection Act of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 131, Section 40, and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Ordinance, Chapter 168, the Palmer Conservation Commission will hold a public meeting on **Tuesday, October 20, 2020 at 7:00 PM** on the application of Michael Bechard, Sr. of 69 Chudy Street in Three Rivers, MA 01080.

The applicant is requesting a determination to see if the work associated with the installation of a 12-foot by 20-foot shed is subject to the MA Wetlands Protection Act and the Town of Palmer Wetlands Protection Ordinance. Work is proposed within the 100-foot buffer zone and within the 50-foot No Disturb Zone to Bank of an intermittent stream.

The location of the proposed project is 69 Chudy Street, Three Rivers, MA 01080 and is also known as: Assessor's Map 70-50.

**Public Participation will be via Virtual Means Only** - Pursuant to Governor Baker's March 12, 2020 Order Suspending Certain Provisions of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §18, and the Governor's March 15, 2020 Order imposing strict limitation on the number of people that may gather in one place, this meeting of the Palmer Conservation Commission will be conducted via remote participation. **The public may participate in this meeting via Remote Participation:** A website for the meeting will be provided on the Conservation Agenda posted on the Town's website at least 48 hours prior to the meeting. Copies of the Request for Determination of Applicability may be examined electronically by visiting this Website: <https://www.townofpalmer.com/conservation>

Donald Blais, Jr., Chair  
Palmer Conservation Commission

10/08/2020

## LEGAL NOTICE

Pursuant to the provisions of MA Gen. Laws, Chap. 255, Sec. 39A, the following vehicles will be sold at public auction for towing and storage charges due:

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RD Hyannis, MA; **CHEVY**  
VIN:1G1JC1243Y7101143  
Patricia Pickett 17 French  
ST Springfield, MA; **GMC**  
VIN:1GTC51449X8522826  
Charles Mundell 56 Done  
RD Ware, MA; **FORD**  
VIN:2FAP73W55X114315  
Carolyn Smiens 616 9th  
ST Kenyon, MN; **FORD**  
VIN:1FAFP55S93G212653  
Susan Karnbach 19 Memory  
LN Palmer, MA. This auction is to take place on October 9, 2020, 10:00 A.M. at LaBontes & Son LLC, 241 Wilbraham St., Palmer, MA 01069.  
9/24, 10/1, 10/8/2020

## COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT Hampden Division Docket No. HD18P0339PM SALE OF REAL ESTATE Esate of: Sally Walsh of Monson in the County of Hampden, a protected person NOTICE

A petition has been presented to said Court for leave to sell and convey at private sale certain real estate of said protected person, situated in said Monson, for maintenance.

If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at **Springfield** on or before **10:00 in the forenoon on October 30, 2020.**

Witness, **BARBARA M. HYLAND**, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Springfield, the 2nd day of October two thousand and twenty.

**Suzanne T. Seguin**  
Register of Probate & Family Court Dept.  
10/08/2020

**Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Hampden Probate and Family Court 50 State Street Springfield, MA 01103 (413)748-7758 Docket No. HD20A0065AD & HD20A0066AD In the matter of: Scarlett Elizabeth Whelan & Jameson Joseph Whelan CITATION G.L. c. 21 0, § 6**

To: any unnamed or unknown parent and persons interested in a petition for the adoption of said child and to the Department of Children and Families of said Commonwealth.

A petition has been presented to said court by:

Samuel J. Cobb of Bondsville, MA  
Martha E. Whelan of Bondsville, MA

requesting for leave to adopt said child and that the name of the child be changed to

**Scarlett Elizabeth Cobb & Jameson Joseph Cobb**  
**If you object to this adoption you are entitled to the appointment of an attorney if you are an indigent person.**

An indigent person is defined by SJC Rule 3: 10. The definition includes but is not limited to persons receiving TAFDC, EACDC, poverty related veteran's benefits, Medicaid, and SSI. The Court will determine if you are indigent. Contact an Assistant Judicial Case Manager or Adoption Clerk of the Court on or before the date listed below to obtain the necessary forms.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT: **Springfield** ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON: **10/23/2020**

WITNESS Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: September 28, 2020

**Suzanne T. Segin**  
Register of Probate  
10/08/2020

## THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF BRIMFIELD Sharon Ashleigh, Collector of Taxes Office of the Collector of Taxes NOTICE OF TAX TAKING

**To the owners of the hereinafter described land and to all others concerned**

You are hereby notified that on **Monday the 2nd day of November, 2020 , at 10:00 A.M.** at the Tax Collectors's Office, 23 Main Street , pursuant to the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, it is my intention to take for the Town of Brimfield the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

**Assessed to BRUNELLE VIVIAN C And REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.143 Acres located and known as KNOLLWOOD ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 6A-B-30 and being part of the premises recorded in book 12715 on page 22 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$109.95

**Assessed to CASAVANT PAUL G And CASAVANT PATRICIA C**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.46 Acres located and known as REAR DUNHAMTOWN BRIMFIELD RD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 8-D-31 and being part of the premises recorded in book 14605 on page 284 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$747.27

**Assessed to CHAFFEERICHARD A And C/O CHAFFEE JESSICA**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.46 Acres located and known as 249 LITTLE ALUM ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 4-F-3 and being part of the premises recorded in book 21769 on page 92 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$2,067.46

**Assessed to CIESLA JOSEPH D And CIESLA STANLEY F**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.55 Acres located and known as GENEVIEVE LANE shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 4-E-2.15 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16318 on page 301 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$492.48

**Assessed to CIESLA JOSEPH D And CIESLA STANLEY F**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.52 Acres located and known as GENEVIEVE LANE shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 4-E-2.14 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16318 on page 301 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$490.77

**Assessed to CIESLA JOSEPH D And CIESLA STANLEY F**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.51 Acres located and known as GENEVIEVE LANE shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 4-E-2.13 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16318 on page 301 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$489.06

**Assessed to CIESLA JOSEPH D And CIESLA STANLEY F**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.72 Acres located and known as GENEVIEVE LANE shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 4-E-2.22 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16318 on page 301 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$501.03

**Assessed to DOUGLAS DAVID H JR And EMMA M.**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.141 Acres located and known as FOREST ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 6A-E-53 and being part of the premises recorded in book 3972 on page 263 in

the Hampden Registry of Deeds.  
2018 Tax \$143.64

**Assessed To DUBOIS SUZANNE R**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 5.25 Acres located and known as DUNHAMTOWN PALMER RD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 1-K-11.1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 06267 on page 0435 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$1,150.83

**Assessed To DUBOIS SUZANNE R**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 3 Acres located and known as 16 DUNHAMTOWN PALMER RD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 1-K-12.1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5185 on page 190 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$3,927.87

**Assessed To ELMORE REALTY SERVICES LLC**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 6.548 Acres located and known as 289 PALMER ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 10-C-1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 21383 on page 542 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner EMERALD REO LLC

2018 Tax \$528.83

**Assessed To ELMORE REALTY SERVICES LLC**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 15.673 Acres located and known as 63 OLD PALMER ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 10-B-5 and being part of the premises recorded in book 21054 on page 304 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner EMERALD REO LLC

2018 Tax \$1,040.49

**Assessed to GAUMOND ERNEST P And JANE O**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1 Acres located and known as 73 APPLE ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 4A-B-1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5428 on page 8 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

Supposed Present Owner GAUMOND JANE O

2018 Tax \$2,734.29

**Assessed to LAFERRIERE STEVEN P And RITA M**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.33 Acres located and known as 110E EAST BRIMFIELD HOLLAND RD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 16AA-1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 05757 on page 0372 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$1,431.27

**Assessed to LAVIGNEMARK And C/O LAVIGNE MARK**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 24.84 Acres located and known as 72 CHAMPEAUX ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 15-B-1.2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 21693 on page 592 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$2,383.74

**Assessed To MCINTOSH DIANE L**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.728 Acres located and known as WASHINGTON ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 8-C-2.1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 5808 on page 0382 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$721.24

**Assessed to RICHMONDJORDAN M And C/O RICHMOND JORDAN M**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.67 Acres located and known as 13 LYMAN BARNES ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 1-K-8.10 and being part of the premises recorded in book 21539 on page 224 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$1,133.78

**Assessed to ROACH JAMES F And ROACH PATRICIA**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.29 Acres located and known as LITTLE ALUM ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 4-E-6.3 and being part of the premises recorded in book 17341 on page 327 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$144.31

**Assessed To ROBICHAUD LOUIS GERARD**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.52 Acres located and known as 20 HOLLAND ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 13-D-2 and being part of the premises recorded in book 21301 on page 312 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$1,189.08

**Assessed to SHACKETT ANDREW E And SHACKETT CHERYL L**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.5 Acres located and known as WASHINGTON ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 8-C-18.11 and being part of the premises recorded in book 17699 on page 367 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$257.73

**Assessed to SHACKETT ANDREW E And SHACKETT CHERYL L**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 1.5 Acres located and known as WASHINGTON ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 8-C-18.3 and being part of the premises recorded in book 17699 on page 367 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$257.73

**Assessed to SHACKETT ANDREW E And SHACKETT CHERYL L**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 2.47 Acres located and known as WASHINGTON ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 8-C-18.4 and being part of the premises recorded in book 17699 on page 367 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

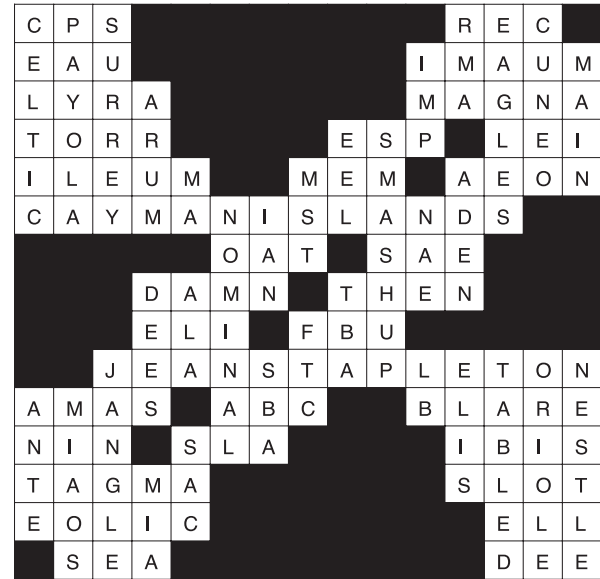
2018 Tax \$274.00

**Assessed To STEBBINS HENRY R JR.**

A parcel of land with any buildings thereon, approximately 0.887 Acres located and known as LINNBROOK ROAD shown on the Town of Brimfield Assessors Records as Parcel Identifier 6A-H-1 and being part of the premises recorded in book 16441 on page 136 in the Hampden Registry of Deeds.

2018 Tax \$579.69

10/08/2020



## Avoid Financial Mistakes During Retirement

When you retire, you've learned a lot about all sorts of things, helping you avoid some of the mistakes you made earlier in life. However, you may still be susceptible to financial missteps specifically related to your retirement years. How can you dodge these errors?

Consider these suggestions:

**Manage your withdrawal rate carefully.** You will likely need to tap into your retirement accounts – your IRA and 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan. But you should establish an annual withdrawal rate that's appropriate for your situation. By withdrawing too much each year, especially in the early years of your retirement, you risk outliving your resources. You may want to consult with a financial professional to determine the withdrawal amount that's right for you. (Keep in mind, though, that once you turn 72, you will be required to take out at least a certain amount each year – based on your age and account balance – from your traditional IRA and 401(k) or similar plan.)

**Don't underestimate health care costs.** Once you turn 65, you will be eligible for Medicare, but you may still need a Medicare supplement plan and will probably also incur other expenses. In fact, A healthy 65-year-old couple who retired in 2019 will need nearly \$390,000 over their remaining years just to pay for health care, according to HealthView Services, which produces health-care cost projection software. Other estimates show different amounts, but they all amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars. So, when calculating your expenses during your retirement years, reserve a big space for health care.

**Don't take Social Security too early.** You can start receiving monthly Social Security checks when you reach age 62, but your payments will generally be significantly larger if you wait until your "full" retirement age, which will probably be between 66 and 67. (The size of your payments will "max out" at age 70.) Of course, if you need the money at 62, you may have to take it, but if you believe you have longevity working in your favor, and you can afford to wait, you may be better off by delaying Social Security as long as possible.)

**Don't invest too conservatively.** Once you're retired, you might think that you should take as few chances as possible with your investments – after all, you simply have less time for them to bounce back from a downturn than you did during your working years. Nonetheless, it's important to own a reasonable percentage of growth-oriented investments to help keep you ahead of inflation. Even at a low rate, which we've experience recently, inflation can erode your purchasing power over time.

**Don't be more generous than you can afford.** If you have grown children who need financial help, or grandchildren heading to college someday, you'd no doubt like to do whatever you can to provide assistance. However, the hard truth is they simply have more time than you do to find workable financial solutions, whereas if you deplete your funds through your generosity, you could put yourself in a precarious position. So, be as giving as you can afford – but don't go beyond that. By preserving your financial independence, you'll end up benefiting your family, as well.

Retirement can be a wonderful time of your life – and you may enjoy it more by doing what you can to avoid costly financial mistakes.

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# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## NOW

Editor’s note: Due to the coronavirus pandemic, events featured in the Journal Register, including those previewed in stories, briefs and on the calendar page, may be canceled with little notice. The Journal Register encourages readers to contact event coordinators and organizers for updated event times. Have an event to promote? Email the information (in a Word doc or as email text – no PDFs, please – to mharrison@turley.com.

**DRIVE-IN CONCERT FOR CHARITY** The Monson Lions Club is starting its campaign to benefit the communities of Monson, Brimfield, Wales and Holland to aid residents who might be impacted by Corvid 19. Lions are known for their services for the visually impaired and hearing disabled, but they also help with other needs in their communities.

To help the Monson Lions raise money for these causes they are kicking off this campaign with a drive-in concert featuring Peter J. Newland and Radio X. Peter J. Newland, singer / songwriter, is known for performing with his brother Chris as lead singer in the

band FAT. This event is being held at the Brimfield Winery on October 10. Gate opens at 2 p.m., with music 3:30-5:30. Price is \$40 per car. For more information, call Curt at 413-668-8427.

All money raised at this event will be used locally for this cause. Please help the Monson Lions by attending this last of the season outdoor music event, or by sending a donation to: Monson Lions club PO Box 142 Monson, Mass. 01057

## UPCOMING

**ARMENIAN FOOD FESTIVAL** St. Gregory Armenian Apostolic Church members will hold their annual Armenian Food Festival noon-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, as a take-out only event, held at 135 Goodwin Street in Indian Orchard.

Visitors will enjoy Armenian foods. Meals will be served featuring two kinds of grilled kebab - shish kebab (marinated lamb chunks) and losh kebab (seasoned ground lamb and beef) - served with rice pilaf, fasoulia (Armenian green beans), and pita bread. For lighter fare, visitors can order spinach-cheese pie. Baked goods will feature traditional

Armenian breads and pastries including choerag, paklava, kourabia, and khadayif.

Cash or checks accepted. To place a take-out order or for more information, please call the church office 413-543-4763 or Sima Setian Pariseau 413-262-7251 or email at spariseau@charter.net.

## INTERESTS

**THE QUABOAG VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD** is looking for new members. The Guild meets on the first, third and fifth Thursdays of the month at 1 p.m. in the basement of the Palmer Historical and Cultural Center, 2072 Main St., Three Rivers. The Guild is a no pressure group with varying degrees of accomplishments, from novice to Big E “Best In Show” winners. The membership fee is \$48 a year. For more information, contact Barbara Beaulieu at 267-4044 or Merry Mombourquette at 283-7577. Follow us on Facebook.

**MONSON WOODWACKERS** wood carving club meets every Thursday at Monson Senior Center on Main Street in Monson from 6-8 p.m. The club meets throughout the year. Membership is \$10 for the

year, payable in September. Anyone interested should call Barbara Mackintosh at 413-237-8303. There are many beginner projects and experienced teachers, as well, within the club.

**STAINED GLASS MAKING CLASS** will be held on Thursdays at the Holland Community Center from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 6-9 p.m. Glass and tools are supplied. Take six classes for \$48. Class sizes are limited and are open to all ages. For more information call Tom Baltazar at 508-245-2525.

**DIAMOND NATIONAL/CASCADES DIAMOND.** Did you every work there? Former employees meet on the third Tuesday of every month at Burgundy Brook Restaurant on Route 181 in Palmer from 9-10 a.m. The stories shared are often colorful but old friendships are renewed.

## PALMER LIBRARY UPCOMING VIRTUAL EVENTS:

Palmer Public Library Virtual Reader’s Circle - Wednesdays, Oct. 14/Nov. 18/Dec. 16 from 6—7 p.m.: Join our new monthly all-genres Virtual Reader’s Circle! Have you read a great book that you want to share with others? Are you looking for new book or author recommendations? Join us for this brand new, all genres welcome, informal, friendly virtual monthly book discussion meet-up via Zoom! To register, please visit our calendar at: [www.palmerlibrary.org/events](http://www.palmerlibrary.org/events)

Palmer Public Library Virtual Cookbook Club - Thursdays, Oct. 22/Nov. 19/Dec. 17 from 6—7 p.m.: Do you love to cook or bake and talk about food? Join our new monthly online cookbook club to learn and share recipes! Pick a recipe from your favorite cookbook, place a hold on a cookbook from our catalog for curbside pickup, or download one from our digital catalog. Make the recipe, and then chat via Zoom with others about how it turned out. Have fun while sharing and discovering recipes and cooking tips! To register, please visit our calendar at: [www.palmerlibrary.org/events](http://www.palmerlibrary.org/events)

**Virtual Harry Potter Trivia Night for All Ages** - Friday, Oct. 30 from 6—7:30 p.m.: The Palmer Public Library presents a fun night of virtual (via Zoom) trivia for all age about the Wizarding World of Harry Potter! Play solo or if you’d like to play on a team, recruit members of your household, or teammates that can play with you through a phone or video call. Have your team name ready and come in costume for our virtual intermission costume extravaganza! To register, please visit our calendar at: [www.palmerlibrary.org/events](http://www.palmerlibrary.org/events)

## ONGOING

**CHURCH CABOOSE THRIFT SHOP** at Second Congregational Church, 1080 Pleasant St., Palmer has bargains on clothing, household items, linens, books, crafts and more. Come and see Fridays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 283-6958 for more information.

**THE MONSON LIONS CLUB** has a 20-foot x 20-foot tent for rent. The cost is \$75 for a two-day event. The club will put it up and take it down. For more details, contact Curt at 413-668-6653.

**DAY SPRING LODGE A.F. & A.M.** located 14 Bliss St., Monson is making its hall available for rent for \$75 for a variety of parties and functions. For reservations,, call Doug Battige at 413-267-5855 or 413-265-9398.

**RESERVE YOUR CELEBRATION TENT** now for your First Communion, bridal and baby showers, graduation parties, family reunions, birthday parties or any other kind of celebration you may have outdoors. The Palmer Lions Club has a tent for you, either 20-feet x 20-feet for \$125 or 20-feet x 40-feet for \$200. This includes setup and takedown in the Palmer area. Call Karen at 413-813-8445 to make a reservation. You may need to leave a message and your call will be returned. The Palmer Lions Club tent rental fees go towards assistance for the people of Palmer, Bondsville, Three Rivers and Thorndike.

**PALMER SALVATION ARMY** Service Extension Unit offers residents in Palmer and Brimfield emergency assistance on a periodic basis. The outreach coordinator will be located on the second floor of St. Paul’s Unitarian Universalist Church at 1060 Central St., Palmer. You must schedule an appointment by calling 413-221-8283 so you know what documentation to bring since those seeking assistance have to meet certain criteria and show proof of need. Please leave your name, number and the date you called. Phone messages are checked weekly, not daily.

**BOOKSTORE** at the Unitarian Universalist Parish of Monson at the corner of Lincoln and Main streets in Monson is open the first Friday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m., the third Saturday of every month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Books priced from 25 cents to \$1 each: fiction, nonfiction, thrillers, horror, mystery, science fiction, how-to, classic literature, children’s books, romances, cookbooks, gardening books and more. All proceeds benefit the parish. Donations are accepted. Call Mary at 267-0033 for more information.

**MARTHA’S TABLE STAFF** at the Monson-Glendale United Methodist Church is supporting the Monson Open Pantry by providing a meal once a month to anyone who will bring a non-perishable food item. Staff have begun packing and delivering the meals in cooperation with the Monson Senior Center. The meal is served at the church, 162 Main St., Monson on the third Saturday of each month from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. For more information call 267-3798.

**SENIOR LUNCHEON.** The Monson Council on Aging invites seniors over age 60 to its luncheon program every Monday – Friday at the Monson Senior Center, 106 Main St., Monson. Home cooked meals are always served at noon. The requested donation of \$2.50 includes the entrée, bread, dessert and beverage. Menus are available in the COA newsletter. Luncheon reservations must be made by 2:30 p.m. the day before you would like to come to lunch. For more info or van reservations, call 267-4121.

**BUY DIRECT AND SAVE \$\$\$**

USDA INSP. FRESH ASSORTED PORK CHOPS ..... **\$1<sup>55</sup>** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH PORK SIRLOIN CUTLETS..... **\$1<sup>67</sup>** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH GROUND PORK..... **\$1<sup>79</sup>** lb

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USDA INSP. TURKEY BREAST ..... **\$3<sup>99</sup>** lb

**TAIL GATE SPECIALS**

USDA INSP. STORE MADE ITALIAN MARINATED 1/2 CHICKENS..... **\$1<sup>49</sup>** lb

USDA INSP. STORE MADE TERIYAKI MARINATED BEEF SKIRT STEAKS ..... **\$6<sup>99</sup>** lb

USDA INSP. KAYEM NATURAL CASING 2 1/2 BOX HOT DOGS..... **\$9<sup>99</sup>** ea

USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS BEEF TENDERLOIN CUT FREE **\$5<sup>97</sup>** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS BEEF TOP ROUND LONDON BROIL or ROAST **\$2<sup>99</sup>** lb

USDA INSP. GROUND FRESH DAILY 80% LEAN GROUND BEEF **\$3<sup>07</sup>** lb

**CUSTOMER PICK OF THE WEEK**

USDA INSP. FROZEN BONE-IN TURKEY BREAST ..... **99<sup>c</sup>** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH BONELESS & SKINLESS CHICKEN BREAST ..... **\$1<sup>05</sup>** lb

USDA INSP. FROZEN WHOLE DUCKS..... **\$2<sup>69</sup>** lb

USDA INSP. FRESH BONE-IN CHICKEN THIGH ..... **79<sup>c</sup>** lb

USDA INSP. IQF FROZEN SALAD SHRIMP COOKED, PEELED, TAIL OFF **2/<sup>\$3</sup>**

**90 Meat Outlet**

**90 Avocado St. Springfield**

**413-737-1288**

**www.90meat.com**

**SALE DATES: 10/8/20 - 10/14/20**

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**HOURS: Mon. - Wed. 8-4 Thurs. 8-6 • Fri. 8-6 • Sat. 8-3**

*We reserve the right to limit quantities.*

*The CDC estimates that, on average, alcohol is a factor in the deaths of 4,358 young people under 21 each year. You can do a lot to help yourself and others by encouraging your peers to make healthy choices and by NEVER supplying alcohol or drugs for others.*

# Teenagers look up to adults, be worthy of that admiration and keep alcohol away from underage teens!

## Eight basic tips to help you get the conversation started:

[www.QHSUA.org/parent-prevention/](http://www.QHSUA.org/parent-prevention/)

## Safer Teen Driving in the Quaboag Hills

[www.QHSUA.org](http://www.QHSUA.org)

[facebook.com/QHSUA/](https://www.facebook.com/QHSUA/)

## TOWNS SERVED BY THE QUABOAG HILLS SUBSTANCE USE ALLIANCE (QHSUA):

Barre | Belchertown | Brimfield | Brookfield | East Brookfield | Hardwick | Holland | Hubbardston | Monson  
New Braintree | North Brookfield | Oakham | Palmer | Spencer | Wales | Ware | Warren | West Brookfield

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Prevention. Treatment. Recovery.